

ODVA Final Veteran Bill Digest

Report Date: June 30, 2023

Passed = Governor Signed into law, **Pending** = Awaiting Governor's Signature, **Failed** = Bill was not passed by the Legislature

Bill Number	Last Three Actions	Upcoming Hearings
HB 2144	06/24/23 - President signed. 06/24/23 - Speaker signed. 06/21/23 - Third reading. Carried by Woods. Passed. Ayes, 25; Absent, 5--Boquist, Hayden, Linthicum, Robinson, Thatcher.	
<p>Status: Pending</p> <p>Relating to veterans.</p> <p>Removes requirement that remains of individual serving in Armed Forces of the United States who was killed in line of duty and formerly designated prisoner of war or missing in action, and whose remains are recovered and identified, be returned to Oregon to receive Fallen Hero roadside memorial recognition.</p>		
HB 2146	05/30/23 - Chapter 96, (2023 Laws): Effective date January 1, 2024. 05/19/23 - Governor signed. 05/15/23 - President signed.	
<p>Status: Passed</p> <p>Relating to Gold Star Families memorial highway.</p> <p>Provides that portion of U.S. Highway 30, beginning where highway intersects with U.S. Highway 101 and ending at Idaho state line, shall also be known as Oregon Gold Star Families Memorial Highway.</p>		
HB 2147	06/22/23 - President signed. 06/22/23 - Speaker signed. 06/21/23 - Third reading. Carried by Manning Jr. Passed. Ayes, 25; Absent, 5--Boquist, Hayden, Linthicum, Robinson, Thatcher.	
<p>Status: Pending</p> <p>Relating to veterans.</p> <p>Directs governing body of each county to designate person to ensure interment of unclaimed cremated remains of veteran or survivor of veteran.</p>		
HB 2271	06/24/23 - President signed. 06/24/23 - Speaker signed. 06/22/23 - Third reading. Carried by Meek. Passed. Ayes, 24; Absent, 6--Boquist, Hansell, Hayden, Linthicum, Robinson, Thatcher.	
<p>Status: Pending</p> <p>Relating to the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program.</p> <p>Makes Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program permanent.</p>		
HB 2273	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 01/11/23 - Referred to Behavioral Health and Health Care. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
<p>Status: Failed</p> <p>Relating to Oregon State Hospital.</p> <p>Updates outdated terminology related to Oregon State Hospital.</p>		

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HB 2295	06/22/23 - President signed. 06/22/23 - Speaker signed. 06/21/23 - Third reading. Carried by Manning Jr. Passed. Ayes, 25; Absent, 5--Boquist, Hayden, Linthicum, Robinson, Thatcher.	
Status: Pending		
Relating to veteran-owned businesses; and prescribing an effective date.		
Broadens public contracting preference for businesses that service-disabled veterans own to include all veteran-owned businesses.		
HB 2419	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/16/23 - Public Hearing held. 01/11/23 - Referred to Economic Development and Small Business with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to linked deposit program.		
Directs State Treasurer to establish linked deposit program under which State Treasurer purchases investment instruments from qualified depository at below-market rates and qualified depository issues below-market rate loans to minority-owned businesses, woman-owned businesses or businesses that service-disabled veterans own.		
HB 2462	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 01/11/23 - Referred to Behavioral Health and Health Care with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to behavioral health clinics.		
Establishes certified community behavioral health clinic program in Oregon Health Authority.		
HB 2615	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/02/23 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 02/02/23 - Recommendation: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to participation in Oregon Promise program by veterans.		
Allows veterans to participate in Oregon Promise program if first enrolled in classes within 12 months after discharge from military.		
HB 2629	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 01/16/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Tax Expenditures. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to tax exemption for the property of veterans; prescribing an effective date.		
Lowers disability threshold for property tax exemption for homestead or personal property of veterans to 10 percent.		

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HB 2649	06/27/23 - President signed. 06/25/23 - Speaker signed. 06/22/23 - Third reading. Carried by Manning Jr. Passed. Ayes, 16; Nays, 8--Anderson, Bonham, Findley, Girod, Knopp, Meek, Smith DB, Weber; Absent, 6--Boquist, Hansell, Hayden, Linthicum, Robinson, Thatcher.	
Status: Pending		
Relating to workforce requirements; and prescribing an effective date.		
Provides that qualifying agency must require as material provision of public improvement contract that contractor establish and implement plan for outreach to and recruitment and retention of women, minority individuals and veterans to perform work under public improvement contract, with aspirational target of having individuals in one or more of these groups perform at least 15 percent of total work hours that workers perform under public improvement contract.		
HB 2789	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 01/16/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to licensure portability for military families.		
Requires Oregon Military Department to study licensure portability for military families.		
HB 2829	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 01/16/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/09/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to veterans' courts.		
Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop and implement grant program to provide funding to Oregon counties for veterans' courts.		
HB 2840	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/07/23 - Public Hearing held. 01/16/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to veterans' recognition registration plates.		
Provides for additional forms of identification that may be used by person to prove status as veteran when applying for veterans' recognition registration plate.		
HB 3000	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/08/23 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 02/08/23 - Recommendation: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to transportation; declaring an emergency.		
Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Transportation to cover costs associated with Fallen Hero roadside memorial signs and veterans' recognition registration plates for biennium beginning July 1, 2023.		

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HB 3001	06/27/23 - President signed. 06/25/23 - Speaker signed. 06/23/23 - Third reading. Carried by Meek. Passed. Ayes, 24; Absent, 6--Boquist, Hansell, Hayden, Linthicum, Robinson, Thatcher.	
Status: Pending		
Relating to Gold Star Family members; and declaring an emergency.		
Directs Department of Transportation to waive fee for Fallen Hero roadside memorial highway sign if applicant is Gold Star Family member and funds are appropriated or otherwise made available to department for purpose of paying fees.		
HB 3083	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 01/20/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans. 01/17/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to employment preference for veterans.		
Removes requirement that public employer give preference to veteran or disabled veteran who seeks promotion.		
HB 3209	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 04/12/23 - Referred to Ways and Means by order of Speaker. 04/12/23 - Recommendation: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to the emergency veterans housing program.		
Establishes emergency veterans housing program within Housing and Community Services Department.		
HB 3268	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 03/24/23 - Referred to Ways and Means by order of Speaker. 03/24/23 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments, be printed A-Engrossed, and be referred to Ways and Means.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to rural system development charges to support affordable multifamily housing; prescribing an effective date.		
Establishes Rural System Development Charges Program within Housing and Community Services Department to pay system development charges for rural affordable multifamily housing.		
HB 3272	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 04/10/23 - Referred to Ways and Means by order of Speaker. 04/10/23 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments, be printed A-Engrossed, and be referred to Ways and Means.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to information collected in conjunction with business registrations in this state; prescribing an effective date.		
Permits Secretary of State to collect and share and communicate with approved organizations information about ethnicity, gender, veteran status and street address or electronic mail address of owner or principal of business that applies for or renews registration in this state.		

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HB 3340	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/23/23 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 02/21/23 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to county veterans' service officers; declaring an emergency.		
Requires Department of Veterans' Affairs to distribute moneys for veterans' service officers to counties that have population of less than 30,000 and are or will be unable to maintain operations of veterans' service officers due to budget decreases.		
HB 3421	06/24/23 - President signed. 06/24/23 - Speaker signed. 06/22/23 - Third reading. Carried by Manning Jr. Passed. Ayes, 24; Absent, 6--Boquist, Hansell, Hayden, Linthicum, Robinson, Thatcher.	
Status: Pending		
Relating to the commemoration of military service members.		
Requires official ceremony or other event held by state government to commemorate Memorial Day or Veterans Day to be held on legal holiday.		
HCR 28	06/24/23 - Filed with Secretary of State. 06/24/23 - President signed. 06/24/23 - Speaker signed.	
Status: Passed		
Recognizing and honoring Lieutenant Colonel Herman A. "Mac" MacDonald, Jr., for his service to his state, country and fellow veterans.		
Recognizes and honors Lieutenant Colonel Herman A. "Mac" MacDonald, Jr. (1929-2022), for his service to his state, country and fellow veterans.		
SB 178	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 04/10/23 - Referred to Ways and Means by order of the President. 04/10/23 - Recommendation: Do Pass and be referred to Ways and Means.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to tax treatment of pensions.		
Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to study and make recommendations for policy proposals for tax treatment of military pensions.		
SB 179	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 01/13/23 - Referred to Rules. 01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to veterans.		
Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to study and make recommendations regarding improvements to operations of department.		

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SB 181	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 04/21/23 - Public Hearing held. 02/20/23 - Referred to Tax Expenditures by prior reference.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to military pay; prescribing an effective date.		
Exempts from state income tax military pay received by Oregon National Guard member while in active service of state or on state active duty.		
SB 183	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 03/07/23 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 03/07/23 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)	
Status: Failed		
Relating to the military.		
Establishes Purple Star School Program within Department of Education to recognize schools that provide certain support services to military-connected students.		
SB 244	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 01/13/23 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs. 01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to veterans' loans for acquisition of real property.		
Limits interest rate to no more than prime rate plus one percent for loans advanced under veterans' home and farm loan program.		
SB 249	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 01/13/23 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs. 01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to employment preference for veterans.		
Provides that, when interview is element of process of selecting candidate for civil service position from eligibility list, public employer must interview each veteran applicant who meets qualifications for position and shows transferable skills if duties of position are performed by only one person within public employer's organization.		
SB 253	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 01/11/23 - Referred to Education. 01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to tuition benefits connected to disabled veterans; declaring an emergency.		
Expands tuition benefits available to disabled veterans to permit veteran who is Oregon resident and 80 percent or more disabled, and spouse and child of disabled veteran, to have tuition waived for enrollment in vocational program or associate degree, baccalaureate degree or master's degree programs at community colleges, public universities and Oregon Health and Science University.		

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SB 316	03/24/23 - Effective date, January 1, 2024. 03/24/23 - Chapter 9, 2023 Laws. 03/21/23 - Governor signed.	
Status: Passed		
Relating to correction of erroneous material in Oregon law.		
Makes nonsubstantive and technical changes in Oregon law.		
SB 496	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/09/23 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 02/09/23 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)	
Status: Failed		
Relating to assisting vulnerable populations with pets; declaring an emergency.		
Amends allowable purposes of Emergency Housing Account to include account moneys to be used for grants to assist companion animals of individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness.		
SB 515	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 03/22/23 - Public Hearing held. 02/01/23 - Public Hearing held.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to taxable income exemption for military retirement compensation.		
Exempts from state income tax retirement pay or pension received as result of service in Armed Forces of the United States.		
SB 518	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 03/02/23 - Public Hearing held. 01/11/23 - Referred to Education.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to requirements for employing workers under qualified contracts with educational institutions; prescribing an effective date.		
Specifies contract price at which apprentice utilization requirements apply to qualified contracts with institutions of higher education and school districts.		
SB 540	06/25/23 - At President's desk upon adjournment. 06/22/23 - Work Session held. 06/21/23 - Work Session cancelled.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to taxable income exemption for military taxpayers.		
Exempts from state income for taxpayers 62 years of age or younger receiving retirement pay or pension for service in Armed Forces of the United States up to \$17,500 in retirement pay or pension received for service in Armed Forces of the United States and up to \$17,500 in retirement pay or pension received from other sources.		
SB 659	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 01/15/23 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs. 01/09/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to memorial highways.		
Provides that U.S. Highway 30 in Oregon shall be known as Gold Star Families Memorial Highway.		

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SB 687	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/23/23 - Public Hearing Cancelled. 01/15/23 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to licensing disabled veterans under the wildlife laws; prescribing an effective date.		
Eliminates six-month residency requirement for issuance of angling or shellfish license to qualifying disabled veteran.		
SB 884	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 04/28/23 - Public Hearing held. 04/04/23 - Referred to Tax Expenditures by prior reference, then Ways and Means by order of the President.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to property tax exemption for disabled veterans; prescribing an effective date.		
Grants higher property tax exemption for property of veterans with disabilities.		
SB 1003	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/24/23 - Referred to Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs, then Ways and Means. 02/22/23 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to veterans.		
Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for biennium beginning July 1, 2023, to provide transportation services to Roseburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center for veterans residing in Coos and Curry Counties.		
SB 1009	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 04/04/23 - Referred to Ways and Means by order of the President. 04/04/23 - Recommendation: Do Pass and be referred to Ways and Means.	
Status: Failed		
Relating to the establishment of the Roseburg Oregon Veterans' Home.		
Authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds under Article XI-Q of Oregon Constitution for construction of veterans' home in Roseburg, Oregon.		
SB 5538	06/23/23 - Speaker signed. 06/23/23 - President signed. 06/21/23 - Third reading. Carried by Mannix. Passed. Ayes, 50; Excused, 9--Boshart Davis, Cramer, Diehl, Levy B, Nguyen D, Osborne, Reschke, Scharf, Wright; Excused for Business of the House, 1--Speaker Rayfield.	
Status: Pending		
Relating to the financial administration of the Department of Veterans' Affairs; and declaring an emergency.		
Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Veterans' Affairs for certain biennial expenses.		

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SJR 17	06/25/23 - In committee upon adjournment. 04/18/23 - Vote explanation(s) filed by Campos. 04/18/23 - Motion to withdraw from committee on Finance and Revenue failed. Ayes, 12; Nays, 16--Campos, Dembrow, Frederick, Gelser Blouin, Golden, Jama, Lieber, Manning Jr, Meek, Patterson, Prozanski, Sollman, Steiner, Taylor, Woods, President Wagner; Excused, 2--Findley, Gorsek.	
Status: Failed		
Proposing amendment to Oregon Constitution relating to a property tax relief program for owner-occupied principal dwellings of certain seniors.		
Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution directing Legislative Assembly to enact property tax relief program for owner-occupied principal dwellings of certain seniors.		